

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

Dissatisfaction in the Congolese Parliament and Army with Adoula's inability to cope with Tshombé has reached the danger point. If considerable progress is not made in the next round between Adoula and Tshombé (now supposed to begin Thursday), or if it fails to come off, Adoula's government may fall and be replaced with a more radical one. Such a development might or might not upset the UN's plans for a more active role in settling the Katangan issue

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as a radical government in Leopoldville would not be averse to a tougher line in Katanga. However, UN officials are working with both sides in an effort to make the meeting a success

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2. South Vietnam nears break with Cambodia

Neither government is making any effort to damp down repercussions of the Vinh Lac incident, in which a party of unestablished nationality crossed from Cambodia into South Vietnam and slaughtered a number of villagers.

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Embassy Saigon describes the two countries as being on a "collision course," and sees a possibility that Vietnam will impose economic sanctions, such as closing the Mekong River to Cambodian traffic. Embassy Phnom Penh believes such action would lead Sihanouk to turn to the bloc.

3. Laos

a. Phoumi and Boun Oum have left Bangkok for Seoul. Their public statements Saturday were not encouraging. We have not yet received further information on their talks with the Thais.

b. Evidence of friction between Souvanna's followers and the Pathet Lao continues to come in. [REDACTED]

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4. West New Guinea

a. Subandrio has told Jones that Sukarno, saying he was disturbed at not having fulfilled his commitment to the President, had ordered Subandrio to work out arrangements for a quiet release of Pope. He stressed the need for secrecy.

b. Jones says that Sukarno's reference last week to President Kennedy's endorsement of the Bunker proposals did "not in fact exceed the bounds of propriety," but it will nevertheless be unhelpful in The Hague. Jones is disturbed at Dutch reaction to Sukarno's relatively moderate Medan speech--the Dutch said they would stop sending reinforcements only if third party observers were present to enforce an agreement "stabilizing" the military situation--as he believes Sukarno's remarks were intended to be conciliatory.

c. Meanwhile, both sides continue to build up forces in the area.

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5. France-Algeria

a. The operation to clean up Oran forecast by Joxe began yesterday. We have no official reports on its progress.

b. Ambassador Gavin is disturbed by a series of surprisingly virulent pronouncements by the Algerian army headquarters in Tunis accusing the French of violating the cease-fire. He also notes Pompidou's suspension of the liberation of Algerian prisoners, presumably because Algerian release of French prisoners has been unsatisfactory.

6. Political changes in Moscow may concern eventual succession to Khrushchev

A series of recent personnel shifts, some of which restored persons demoted at the Party Congress last fall to positions of considerable power, suggest factional infighting between the so-called "Leningrad" and "Ukrainian" cliques. As usual with Soviet politics, however, we are unable to push interpretation any further. The military promotions announced this weekend appear routine.

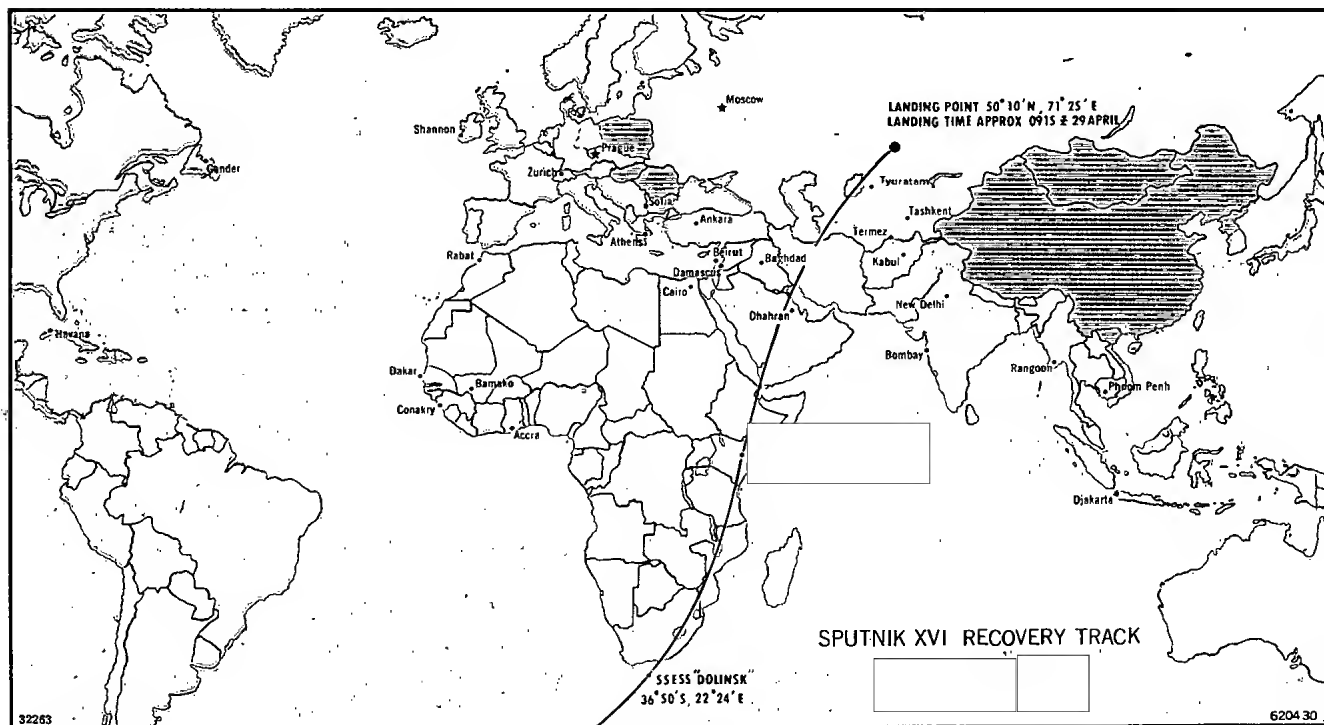
7. Ruanda and Urundi move another step toward Congo-style chaos.

Native authorities in both sections have apparently informed the special UN Commission on Ruanda-Urundi that they will refuse to permit the presence of foreign troops after independence, which is tentatively scheduled for 1 July. Spaak says that the Belgians will have no choice but to withdraw their garrisons, which would almost certainly lead to the departure of Belgian technicians and the collapse of public order.

8. Soviet-Sudanese
air agreement

The Sudanese government has agreed to delay signing for 10-14 days at US request. The agreement would allow the USSR transit rights for routes through Khartoum to West Africa returning through Rabat, to East Africa, and, by an undetermined route, to Brazil.

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NOTES

- A. Soviet military forces have dropped into their usual stand-down for the May Day celebration. [redacted] The Viet Cong, however, is [redacted] planning a special effort for the occasion. Else- where in the world, Argentina, Bolivia, and Portugal are the most likely targets for serious violence. 50X1 50X1
- B. Soviet recovery of Sputnik XVI took place [redacted] about 450 miles northeast of Tyura Tam. [redacted] 50X1 50X1
- C. The Soviet delegation in Geneva is dropping broad hints that it wants to adjourn the disarmament conference on 1 June for about two months.
- D. While there has been no major change in the Argentine situation, there are growing signs of disagreement among the military over how hard to push Guido.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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